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Honorable Bill Hefner
House of Representatives
2470 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hefner:

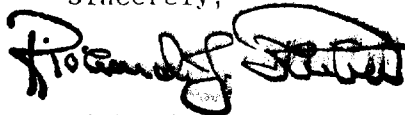
This is in reply to your letter of February 24, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

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R. S. Keeson Jr <i>Several</i>	inq. comments on PR Docket 92-235

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REMARKS:

3018 Oakdale Drive
Monroe, NC 28110
February 24, 1993

The Honorable Bill Hefner
The United States House of
Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: FCC Rule Making

Dear Mr. Hefner:

My interest in aviation has been for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am retired and enjoy many hours of building and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,


R. S. Keeton, Jr.

Rick Morrison
203 Cedar Drive
Harrisburg, NC 28075

February 25, 1993

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I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business user of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like me and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 to 76MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Morrison".

Rick Morrison

February 25, 1993

The Honorable Bill Hefner
U. S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Hefner,

After many years of looking for a suitable hobby to occupy what little "free" time I have in this hectic world we live in today, I settled on the building and flying of model "radio controlled" aircraft. Years ago, when I was very young, my father built and flew controlled line planes, and from that time on, I've have kept an interest in airplanes. I'm 35 years old, been married once, (10 years), and have two children (boys ages 6 and 8), that I hope to be able to share my interests in this hobby with.

Should they choose not to, lives and property would be at risk.

It is because of my concern for the future of this sport that I am writing to you, petitioning for your help in representing my interests. Surely the FCC Land Mobile Service can find some other area besides the 72-76 MHz area to locate their new channels that will not have the severe impact that their present proposal creates. Please assist me in insuring that the safety and enjoyment

February 25, 1993

The Honorable Bill Hefner
U. S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Hefner,

My name is Cristopher Greene, I m 12 years old, and I live in Davidson, NC. Last summer my dad and I went to an air show in Mooreville, NC and watched some people flying radio controlled airplanes. The very next week, my dad bought us a plane, and we started going every other weekend to fly. (Because my mom and dad are divorced, we only get to be together then.) We now have three planes and if the weather is bad we work on building and if its pretty, we fly them.

Last year we joined the AMA, (Academy of Model Aeronautics), and a club in Mooresville, NC. I've been reading in the AMA magazine, and have heard my dad and others at our field talking about the FCC wanting to put some new channels close to the channels we use on our planes. I don't really understand all that I've heard and read, but I believe my dad when he says that this would be bad for us. I do know what happens when you lose control of an airplane and how much it costs to fix them.

I'm to young to vote for you, but my dad says I'm not to young to write and ask you to help. Would you please look into NPRM-PR Docket 92-235 and see what you can do to keep our sport safe.

Chris Greene

RICHMOND COUNTY MODELERS ASSOCIATION
Richmond County, North Carolina

The Honorable Bill Hefner
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 205105

Feb. 10, 1993

Subject: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Hefner:

I am a member of a local club who enjoys building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. I spent many hours and dollars in this hobby along with my fellow club members. We are very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Comm. (FCC), namely PR Docket 92-235. If accepted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and can increase the risk of accidents to spectators, other modelers and the models themselves. The control frequencies we use are in the 72-76 MHz band that we presently share with other private land mobile dispatch operations.

The present band spacing is far enough apart for this sharing without interfering with each other. The proposed new frequencies require narrower band widths which will interfere with our present use. We presently have use of approx. 50 freqs. which is fine for existing usage but the new proposal will reduce this number to approx. 19 freqs. or less than one half of the present available frequencies. This can result into a major safety problem for all concerned. We do our best to operate as safely as is possible with the equipment that we presently have and our safety record is remarkable. Please do not jeopardize this fine record by allowing this proposal to be enacted.

We ask that you study this matter in light of the enjoyment of modelers and spectators using this hobby and reject this proposal as put forth by the FCC.

Sincerely,

Curtis D. Bennett

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